



## L A R C

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## CQ POTA, CQ POTA, CQ POTA

Many view Ham Radio Operators as old guys, tucked away in a garage or basement, telling another old guy 1000 miles away that the weather is cloudy.

While this can be the case and some find this enjoyable, there are many operators who are throwing their gear in their vehicles, heading to their nearest park, and making numerous contacts. Parks on the Air is very fun way to get out into nature and also introduce other people to the hobby we enjoy.

I recently conducted a park activation in the Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area. No one had activated this park before and I wanted my name to always be associated

with this park as the first person to do so. I loaded my boat up with my gear and made the 45 minute boat trip to the area.

After calling CQ POTA a few times I had a pile up. In the span of 1hr and 10 minutes I had racked up 103 contacts. This included Spain and a fella in the Artic Circle. All of this was from and IC-7300 hooked up to an inverted-V dipole.

This activation took a pretty good amount of effort to make happen, but it doesn't have to. There are many parks all around us that you can just drive to and activate. For more information check out the [www.parksontheair.com](http://www.parksontheair.com). Get outside, make some contacts, have some fun. -Brad K5NFB



I would Like to thank Ryan Phillips K15FWJ and Larry Kebodeaux K15NTC for helping make this a successful activation.

DATES TO  
REMEMBER

- Winter Field Day  
Jan. 29th  
[W5DDL.ORG](http://W5DDL.ORG) for Info
- Club Dues are Due  
Jan. 1
- SELARC Hamfest  
Hammond, LA  
Jan. 15th
- Orange Hamfest  
Orange, LA  
Feb. 26th

## GET THAT UPGRADE

If you have been on the fence about getting that license upgraded to General or Extra wait no longer.

The FCC will soon start collecting \$35 fee for the technician license and all upgrades. This fee will also be collected when applying for a vanity

callsign. The FCC initially proposed a \$50 fee, but the ARRL was able to get them to reduce this.

There are many available options for testing. The AARA conducts in person exams before each meeting and there are also online options availa-

ble at [www.glaarg.org](http://www.glaarg.org).

Get out your prep material, start studying, and get that upgrade.

## THANK YOU HERMAN CAMPBELL

For several years, Mr. Herman Campbell has held the position of LARC Editor and for all those years he has maintained consistent communication to members and non-members of the AARA. After retiring from this position in December 2017 he eagerly volunteered to fill the editor position in May 2021 after an unexpected vacancy popped up. As usual, Mr. Herman continued the tradition of monthly correspondence to us all. We would like to thank

Mr. Herman for his continued support of the AARA and his ability to fill in at a moments notice.

Moving forward we would like to thank Brad Crozier for volunteering to fill the position of LARC Editor. Brad is a fresh face in the club, and we are looking forward to his ideas as these monthly newsletters continue to be published. Please join me in

thanking Brad for his support and eagerness to take on this role.



-Chris Ancelet N5MCY

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT- BRAD CROZIER -K5NFB

I hope to use this section as a way for us to get to know our club members a little better. I figured I would start by letting you all know a little more about me. Due to my work I am unable to attend many meetings so I volunteered to be the newsletter editor in order to be involved and maintain connection with the club.

I served in the Army from 2004-2013. I was in the field artillery and also did a stint training combat advisors. Since getting out I have worked in the oil fields and currently work at a plant in Westlake as an operator.

I was first made aware of ham radio as a Boy Scout during a meeting on community emergency preparation

but never got involved in ham radio until much later in life. I first got my call sign in January of 2021. I quickly got my extra class license because I am cheap and didn't want to give the government any more money than I had to so I got it before the new licensing fees take effect.

My favorite aspects of this hobby are rag chewing, FT8, hunting and activating parks on the air locations, DMR, and assisting my fellow operators in getting their stations running properly. I have met many new people through this hobby and I find it amazing how ham radio can connect people with such cultural and generational gaps.

I am also a member of the Ham Radio Adventures Club and look forward to many POTA activations and DXpeditions with that crew.

One of my current goals is to learn morse code and be able to operate CW. I have a long way to go on that one. I look forward to working with the club and getting to know more of our members.

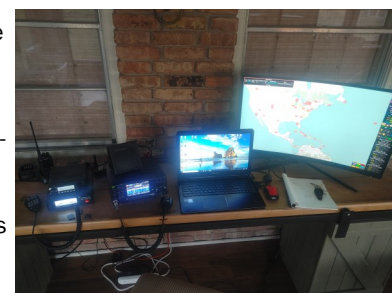
My current setup is as follows:

Mobile: ICOM 4100a

ICOM 7100

Base: ICOM 7300

ICOM 4100a



K5NFB Ham Shack



K5NFB POTA setup at Laccasine Wildlife Refuge (K-0311)

## AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Did you know that every purchase you make on Amazon can generate donations for the AARA? By setting up Amazon Smile on your Amazon account a portion of your purchase will be donated by Amazon to the AARA or any non-profit organization of your choosing.

We all know to well how Covid-19 has impacted the clubs ability to raise funds through Hamfests. This is just

one way we can all help generate a little more revenue to keep things running smoothly.

You can setup your mobile app to use the smile program or when you shop from your computer use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

If you would like to do this, but find yourself needing help please reach out to the club leadership.



## LOCAL NETS

### AARA Monday Night Net

Each Monday at 7:00 PM

146.82 Repeater

### Silent Key Memorial Net

Each Wednesday at 7:00PM

146.82 Repeater

### SKYWARN Net

Each Tuesday at 7:00 PM

147.040 Repeater

### Rag Chew Net

Each Thursday at 8:00 PM

443.000 Repeater

All amateurs are welcome and encouraged to check into these Nets

## VE TEST SESSION RESULTS

There was no test session for the month of December. If you have tested somewhere other than with the AARA and would like the results announced please send the information to [LARC@W5DDL.ORG](mailto:LARC@W5DDL.ORG)



# January 2022

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*Nick K5QXJ*

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*Al KE5UPM*

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*Archie W5AG  
Erick AB5GI*

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*Club Meeting  
7PM*

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*Julie*

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*David KI5NTG*

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*Sean KG5MKY  
SELARC Fest*

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*Mike KI5ARX*

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*David N5PEZ*

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*Jason KI5IQA*

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*Chris N5MCY*

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*Winter Field day*

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*Phil KA8ZKR*

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**I have a pleasure room.**

**Do you want to see it?**

